

## **WDFW Response to Ecology Comment 1 on Chinook Estuary Restoration**

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**Subject:** RE: ECY 13-5607 - Chinook Estuary Restoration project - Comments

Ms. Mendoza,

We received your letter with Department of Ecology's comments for the Chinook River Estuary Restoration Project. Thank you for your comments on this project. We will apply for all necessary county, state, and federal permits and employ best management practices during our project construction.

In response to the Shorelands and Environmental Assistance question from Rick Mraz; a wetland delineation has not been prepared for the project. The entire restoration site is either forested, shrub/scrub or emergent wetlands according to the National Wetland Inventory. The USACE has been on site for a pre-project application review and we have agreed to take the approach that the entire project area is considered jurisdictional wetlands and that the project is self-mitigating since it is a restoration project.

A copy of the JARPA will also be sent to Matt Reider at Pacific County Planning Department on the same day we submit for our Hydraulic Permit Application.

Best regards,

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